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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: Ballast Weight for Washing Machines

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.